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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 21, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 21, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 21, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 09-0465 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

The Claims are listed beginning on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	
MINUS FILED	MINUS EXTRA
TOTAL ADJUSTABLE CLAIMS	MINUS 20 =
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	MINUS 3 =
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>	

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	20	41
Independent	3	1
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>		

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CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	26	41
Independent	3	1
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Total	26	41
Independent	4	1
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SMALL ENTITY TYPE		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	FEE	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	\$50	BASIC FEE	\$100
X50		X518	
X40		X80	
+135		+270	
TOTAL		TOTAL	1089

SMALL ENTITY OR		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X50		X518	
X40		X80	
+135		+270	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

SMALL ENTITY OR		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X50		X518	
X40		X80	
+135		+270	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

SMALL ENTITY OR		OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X50		X518	
X40		X80	200
+135		+270	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	200

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